

Christian Evolution Leaflet.


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“ Now concerning Spiritual Gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.”

(ST. PAUL.)

As ancient manifestation of Spirit led to formulaes of religious worship; so does modern Spirit manifestation lead to Analytical Spiritual Philosophy and Religion.

Demonstrated facts in Physics and Metaphysics, supercede all traditional beliefs.

 Programme of Lectures for Sunday Evenings in September at
Co-operative Hall, Howard Avenue near Broadway,

September 6th,—“ The Christ.”

“ 13th,—“ Genesis ”

“ 20th,—“ Revelations.”

“ 27th,—“ Spirit or Matter, which ?

Lecture followed with Spirit Evidences.

SYNOPSIS OF
TALK LECTURE BY W. WINES SARGENT,
Sunday Evening, September 6th,
AT CO-OPERATIVE HALL, HOWARD AVENUE NEAR BROADWAY, BROOKLYN.

Let the subject of thought this evening be the "Christ," which was the base of Christian Religion, and upon which principle is predicated Christian Evolution; that which we are attempting to elucidate and which, probably, is the most misapprehended fact relative to man's nature.

This popular error that sways the minds and feeds the prejudices of people gradually is yielding to the prerogatives of reason.

We say this, feeling that the criticism applies with almost equal force to the broad as well as to the narrow conception of the "Christ."

The healthiest bodies, the best balanced minds are those which diet upon a multiplicity of nutritious elements. Any thing in the way of mental or spiritual food which is iconoclastic, tends to dwarf the intellect, narrow the sphere of mind and barren the emotions of the heart. And because of the variance between the formulated Christian religion and modern spiritual teaching we have thought best to prefix Christian to Evolution for the benefit of the one and affix Evolution to Christian for the benefit of the other, thus designating our effort, which effort, mainly, shall be along this line, viz. That the Christ of the Christian religionist partakes more of the material than of the spiritual interpretation; and that the current modern spiritual effort also partakes more of the physical manifestation than of the spiritual conception and therefore, in either case, a slow recognition of spiritual evolution.

Here let us emphasize, that no one should be proud of his child remaining in the a-b-c-class of school beyond a certain period. And if there be any virtue in the manifestation of spirit given us in biblical record, upon which the Christian religion was based; and if there be any virtue in

the recent abundant manifestation of spirit intelligence through our media, upon which spiritual philosophy is based—that virtue consists in its being educative in both cases, which is a prime factor in Christian Evolution.

Mention the name Christ in a Christian community and the immediate conception is that of a man who lived some 1,900 years ago; who was crucified, as a man; who was killed, as a man; who was resurrected, as a man; and that these processes were necessary, relative to a certain man that mankind might have eternal life.

Mention the name Christ in most modern spiritual meetings and the term is offensive in consequence of the conception taught in the first instance; whereas, a small degree, even, of spiritual consciousness which comes from the broader plane of spiritual truth should prompt the modern thinker to say to the Christian religionist—My Christ is more spiritualized than is yours! You bank on matter, in that you symbolize your religion. I bank on spirit in that it is the essence of all life, law and love. Your Christ is a personality. Your God is a personality. My God is a Universality. My Christ is a principle which is resident and radiant, in some degree, in every human being and which is the ego of every individual existence.

The Christ for which Christian Evolution stands, is not the Savior, but denotes the degree of manhood and womanhood, or the virtues saved and appropriated by the individual.

We all necessarily deal with objectivity. We talk and think about objects. It is that which we most readily apprehend. We can see a form with the physical eye. We must see a principle with the eye of the mind—feel it with mental and spiritual consciousness.

Salvation is not an element of bestowal, but one of evolvment, acquisition. It is not pacivity, but activity.

Man saves himself in the degree he cognizes the Christ-life principle and keeps in harmony therewith.

The Christian Evolutionist finds great support for his teachings in the biblical record of man's spiritual growth.

Many modern thinkers object to the Bible as being unworthy of consideration. Just as well ignore all Cosmic history. In it we have a partial record of the spiritual development and growth of man; howsoever much it may be clothed in allegory.

In it we sense the Christ-principle of life struggling to manifest through the human organism.

We see a high degree manifested in the historic Moses, in Mohammed, Zoroaster, Buddha, and in a higher degree in Jesus. These personalities; forms, were simply mile stones in the endless path of Christian Evolution, spiritual growth.

As time leads the human mind along the line of Eternity, marked personalities are or should be gradually lost and the impersonal Christ become more radiant in humanity as a whole.

The Christ is in every individual and its degree of manifestation rests in Christian Evolution.

We could have selected no better theme to call out the significant relationship of Spirit manifestation of the Nineteenth Century with that of ancient time.

It was and is one ceaseless evolutionary effort of the Christ principle to manifest in and through the human organism.

The present manifestation, in the interest of science, of sociology, and of religion is opportune in the extreme.

Spiritual justice dictated the Sermon on the Mount then; it demands the same now.

We sadly mistake the cause and the times, if that which we call Christian Evolution shall not, finally, unify the conceptions of the human mind; purify and spiritualize the emotions of the human heart.

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meets every Sunday Evening at Co-operative Hall, Howard Avenue near Broadway.

As the title page of the Leaflet shows, the effort is to unify, utilize, scattered truth lingering in the mazes of error. All beliefs considered respectfully, but critically.

During the month of September, Miss TERRY will supplement the lectures with strong evidences of the law of Spirit Communion.

THE FRATERNITY SOCIETY

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